There are three RMS Divisions in Delhi Postal Circle. The number of Extra-Departmental Mailmen working in the 3 RMS Divisions is as follows:—

Name of the RMS Division	No. of ED Mailmen
1. New Delhi Stg. Division	90 (including 14 on deputation to APS.)
2. Delhi sorting Division	19
3. Air-Mail Stg. Division	2

(b) The required information has been given in the Annexure *See* Appendix CXLVII Annexure No. 125].

Steps to improve industrial growth in the Northern parts of the country

3250. SHRI P N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the 'Economic Times' of the 25th July, 1988 to the effect that industrial units in the Northern parts of the country are hit by shortage of raw materials like coal, kerosene, power, furnace oil etc.; and

(b) if so, what measures Government are taking to improve the position and help the progress of industrial growth in the Northern region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Among the inputs power generation increased by 6.4 per cent during 1987-88 over 1986-87.

Kerosene oil is supplied to the State and Union Territory Governments essentially for cooking and lighting. The State Governments are free to release kerosene to essential industrial consumers from out of the State quota.

The sales of Kerosene, LDO and LSHS in Northern Region during April—June 1988-89 and April—June 1987-88 were as under:—

	Unit	1987-88 April-June	1988-89 April-June
Kerosene	000 KL	395.8	419.9
LDO	000 KL	62.0	71.5
LSHS	000 KL	327.8	342.7

Appointment of New Chairman of ONGC

3251. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have extended the term of the Chairman of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission in the past two years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government will appoint a new Chairman for the ONGC after the *extended term of the present incumbent* expires as the Public Enterprises Selection Board had already recommended candidates for the post; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The term of appointment of the Chairman, ONGC was extended in the public interest

(c) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Expenditure by Oil and Natural Gas Commission on advertisements, etc.

3252. SHRI T. R. BALU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the expenditure incurred by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission annually on advertisements, publicity and public relations during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government are aware that the ONGC has been issuing the same press notes highlighting its achievements made at different periods through different places;

(c) if so, whether Government will direct the ONGC to stop this unethical practice of repeatedly publicising the same news items; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The expenditure incurred by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) is on two broad categories; advertisements relating Recruitments and notices inviting tenders; and advertisements that are part of publicity and public relations activities. The expenditure during the last 3 years on these two broad categories is as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

	Advertisements relating to Recruitments & Invitation of tender	Casual Advertisements, Publicity and Public Relations
1985-86	121.07	42.54
1986-87	265.03	28.03
1987-88	223.72	63.26

(b) and (c) ONGC Publicity, Public Relations and press releases are made in accordance with the established policy of their Corporate Office and Government is not directly concened with these matters.

(d) Does not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश में आदिवासियों और हरिजनों के कल्याण के लिए बिजली की आपूर्ति

3253. **श्री अजीत जोगी**: क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार मध्य प्रदेश बिजली बोर्ड द्वारा मध्य प्रदेश राज्य के आदिवासियों और हरिजनों को केवल 20 रु. में एक बत्ती का कनेक्शन उपलब्ध कराने की योजना के अधीन इस योजना की कल्याणकारी प्रवृत्ति को देखते हुए घाटे की प्रतिपूर्ति करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार मध्य प्रदेश बिजली बोर्ड को ऐसी कल्याण योजना को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए पर्याप्त वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करेगी ताकि मध्य प्रदेश के सभी आदिवासी और हरिजन इस योजना से लाभ उठा सकें; और

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार आदिवासी और हरिजनों को बिना किसी कठिनाई के सस्ती दरों पर बिजली की नियमित आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित करने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रही है ?